

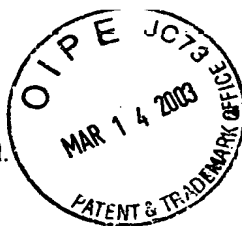
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Wakako MORIYAMA, et al.

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FOR: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES USING THERMAL NITRIDE FILMS AS GATE INSULATING FILMS



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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-up Copy of Amendment

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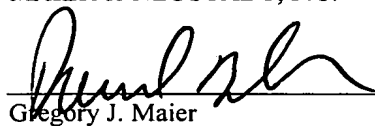
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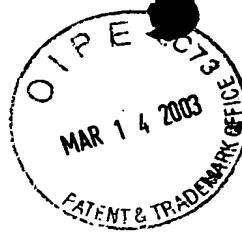
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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 17, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

Page 6, lines 2-10, please replace the paragraph with the following text:

According to an aspect of the present invention, there is provided a semiconductor device manufacturing method comprising forming a gate insulating film in an oxynitride form on a main surface of a semiconductor substrate; forming gate electrodes on the gate insulating film; removing the gate insulating film except under the gate electrodes to expose

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<sup>1</sup>A marked-up copy of the changes made to the specification is attached.

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